

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905-5020

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils

1. The Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils met in joint session at Fort Gordon on 5 August 2004. The purpose of this meeting was to address subjects of interest to Army retirees in the Fort Gordon area of responsibility and to determine if there were matters that should be reported to the Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon, or through him to the Commanding General, Fort Gordon, or through her to the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council, and Department of the Army, for consideration.

2. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were present:

COL (Ret) Everett Greenwood	SGM (Ret) Richard Downs, Chairman
COL (Ret) William Mannel	CSM (Ret) James Hussey
COL (Ret) John Ridick	SGM (Ret) Claude E. Hyde, Jr.
LTC (Ret) Jay Waldman	ISG (Ret) Theola B. Melton
MAJ (Ret) John Anchor	SFC (Ret) Jack Baker
CPT (Ret) William J. Barnard	SFC (Ret) Alfred S. Zamora
CW4 (Ret) Boni Buoni	Mrs. Betty Dodd
Mrs. Nancy Moore	

3. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were absent:

COL (Ret) Maurice Rice	SFC (Ret) James O. McCormick
COL (Ret) Webster E. Francis, Jr.	CSM (Ret) James Huggins
	PSG (Ret) Raymond Sumner

4. COL (Ret) Greenwood called the meeting to order at 1030 and welcomed all council members and guests, and introduced our newest Retiree Council member, SGM (Ret) Clyde E. Hyde, Jr.

5. COL (Ret) Tuckey presented an update of the Chamber of Commerce activities concerning the upcoming Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round in 2005 as well as Fort Gordon's impact on the community, citizens, and economy surrounding the installation. COL (Ret) Tuckey mentioned that the proposed two-year delay in the 2005 BRAC requested by several members of Congress, Senate, and other departments heads as part of the FY 2005 Defense Budget is expected to be denied. COL (Ret) Tuckey further mentioned that we should not be over confident that Fort Gordon is now somehow saved from closing even though installation has been selected for the new Law Enforcement Complex, especially since construction is not planned to start until sometime in 2006.

6. Mr. Nick Williams, Fort Gordon's Post Exchange (PX) manager, talked about the various new initiatives being undertaken to better the quality of life for Soldiers, retirees, and their family members. Namely, these outstanding initiatives are the building of a new Godfathers restaurant across from the old Dining Facility (grand opening on 28 August), a new Internet Café at the PX with 30 computers, a party/banquet room, and a large amusement center, an optometrist and optical shop at the Pxtra (opening sometime in October or November this year), and a Firestone Tire & Service Center which will replace the Hobby Shop. Mr. Williams further mentioned that the PX would be hosting a promotion sale

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between 3-6 September when plasma televisions will sell for under \$2,000! Mr. Williams closed by announcing that he will be departing Fort Gordon at the end of September. Mr. Williams has been promoted into a job which will give him even more opportunities to ensure that AAFES continues to provide quality services to our men and women in uniform, retirees, and their family members.

7. The Retirement Services Officer (RSO), Mr. Richard Lechnir, discussed the need to start the coordination and planning now for next years Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD), which is being planned for October or November 2005. Points of discussion were aimed at getting all of the major players, Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center (EAMC), PX, Commissary, Gordon Club, Public Affairs, and others involved in all upcoming Retiree Council and EAMC Health Assessment meetings. Mr. Lechnir mentioned that the Retiree Council would select volunteers for the various RAD committees (i.e., advertising, door prizes, dinner coordination & Gordon Club setup, Darling Halls setup, registration for Darling Hall and Gordon Club, etc.) at the upcoming quarterly Retiree Council meeting.

8. LTC Edward Boland, Chief of Preventative Medicine at EAMC mentioned that he is the point of contact for RAD issues and that he is looking forward to working with the Retiree Council on this and other issues as they arise. LTC Boland stated that the next Health Assessment meeting will be on 12 August, 0930, 4th floor EAMC conference room. COL (Ret) Greenwood volunteered to represent the Retiree Council at this meeting.

9. COL (Ret) Greenwood thanked all for attending and announced that our next meeting will be on 4 November starting at 1030 in the Garrison Commanders Conference room. Meeting was adjourned at 1200.



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